

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

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A RESOLUTION to commend Dale Sims for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as State Treasurer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Tennessee's State Treasurer, from 2003 through 2008, Mr. Sims distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and to his State; and

WHEREAS, born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on December 10, 1955, Dale Sims received his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Carolina University and did graduate work in Public Administration at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the National Institute for Public Finance, Mr. Sims began his employment with the State of Tennessee as a Program Auditor with the Division of State Audit in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury in January 1980, during which time he also served as a Research Analyst for the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his acumen and alacrity, Mr. Sims was named a staff assistant to State Treasurer Harlan Mathews in July of 1982 and appointed Executive Assistant to State Treasurer Steve Adams in February 1987, which position he held until his appointment by Governor Phil Bredesen as Acting Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims was appointed State Treasurer in October 2003 and elected to the office of State Treasurer by the 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly on March 1, 2004. He was subsequently re-elected by the 104<sup>th</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as State Treasurer, Mr. Sims coordinated the development and implementation of the Bank Collateral Pool program, which offers Tennessee financial institutions a more efficient method to secure state and local government deposits, and he coordinated development of a managed care network through which over 60,000 state employees are provided workers' compensation medical benefits, resulting in an annual savings to the State of approximately one million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Jesse M. Unruh Award from the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) in recognition of his contributions to the association and to the field of public finance, Mr. Sims served as the 2008 Southern Regional Vice President of the organization and had been chosen to serve as the 2009 Senior Vice President; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 recipient of the President's Award from the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT), Dale Sims was an esteemed member of the organization's Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Leadership Conference Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sims is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dale Sims is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Debbie Davis Sims, and their daughter, Jessica; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mr. Dale Sims for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as State Treasurer, salute his unswerving commitment to living

the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.